

WA NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

SGI SCREENING TOOL FY17

Applicant Name:	Fund Code: FY17 SGI - Sage Grouse Initiative
Application Number: 74054616 __ __ __	Field Office:
Evaluator Name:	Date: / /

Instructions: Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, "cut-off" dates are established for purposes of ranking and funding allocation. This original screening worksheet must be filed in the applicant case file and the screening priority (High, Medium, or Low) shall be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet will be provided to the applicant. Please answer questions on this screen tool in the order of Low, Medium and then High. Once you answer "Yes" to a question, you may stop the screening process and check the applicable priority.

☐ (LOW)

1. Applicant has an active contract with an uncertified practice that is scheduled for 2015 or prior or is out of compliance. Or have had previous contract terminations. (Excluding delays caused by NRCS)
Yes__ No__
2. Areas with more than 4% tree canopy on or within one-half mile of planning unit. Yes__ No__
3. More than 40% of planning unit within one-half mile of high voltage powerlines &/or, US highway 2 &/or towns. Yes__ No__

☐ (LOW) Ranchland

4. Planning unit both outside targeted area (PAC) and dispersed area for SGI
5. Working Ranchlands: grazed less than three of previous five years (2012-2016), excluding expired CRP. Ranches being rested due to wildfire are still considered working ranchland. Yes__ No__

☐ (LOW) Cropland

6. Planning unit both outside targeted area (PAC) for SGI

☐ (MEDIUM) Rangeland

1. Working Ranchlands: grazed three of previous five years (2012-2016), excluding expired CRP. Ranches being rested rangeland due to wildfire are still considered working ranchland.
Yes__ No__
2. Land enrolled in CSP with grazing enhancements, and producer does not have an NRCS approved grazing plan. Yes__ No__

☐ (HIGH) Rangeland

1. Working ranchlands: planning unit has been actively grazed the past five years. Ranches being rested due to wildfire are still considered working ranchlands. Yes__ No__
2. Expired CRP lands being converted to grazing land. Yes__ No__
3. Land enrolled in CSP with grazing enhancements, and producer has an NRCS approved grazing plan.
Yes__ No__

☐ (HIGH) Cropland

4. Planning unit is located within the PAC. Yes__ No__
5. Expired CRP lands that producer is willing to maintain and enhance stand.
Yes__ No__
6. Is the producer is willing to convert cropland to rangeland. Yes__ No__

The application priority equals the lowest applicable checked box. After entering this screening priority in ProTracts, you may proceed with ranking the HIGH priority applications in the AERT. If funds are still available after all of the HIGH applications are funded (State-wide), you may proceed with ranking all of the MEDIUM priority applications. LOW priority applications should not be ranked and will be deferred at the end of the FY.

DC Approval:

Date: